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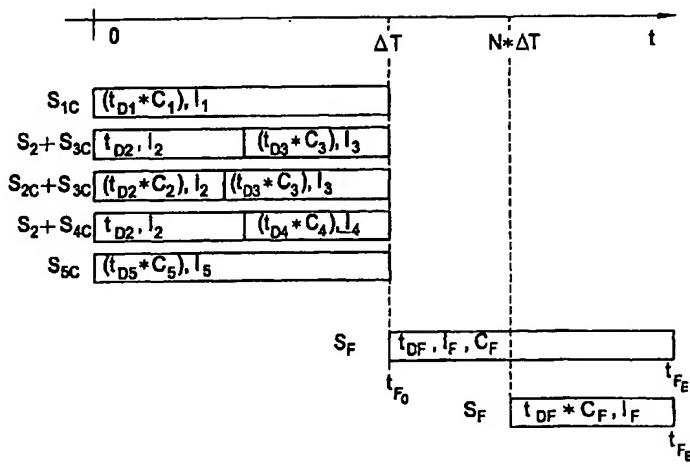
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for the selection of stored video programs (S_i) in which, together with the video programs (S_i), their running time (t_{Di}) and, if necessary, an information item (I_i) about the content, for example the genre, are stored and also a playback device (1) for video programs (S_i). To take account of a specified time interval (ΔT) and optimally utilize said time duration (ΔT), provision is made, on the basis of the specified time duration (ΔT), for those video programs (S_n) to be automatically selected from the stored video programs (S_i) whose running time (t_{Di}), multiplied by any applicable compression factor (C_n), is shorter than or equal to the specified time duration (ΔT). As a result of the method according to the invention, all those video programs (S_n) are consequently offered whose duration with the applicable compression, if any, is within the specified time duration (ΔT). Furthermore, as a result of compression of a subsequent video program (S_F) transmitted after the time duration (ΔT), the available time duration (ΔT) can be prolonged and, consequently, the offer of those video programs (S_n) that are within the prolonged time duration (N x ΔT) can be increased.